

(Washington, D.C.) At the request of Congressman Tim Ryan, Fr. Thomas McCarthy of the Diocese of Youngstown delivered the opening prayer for the House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 21st at 10:00 AM.

After the prayer, Congressman Ryan and Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) delivered a one-minute addresses in honor of Fr. McCarthy. C-SPAN carried the prayer live, and video of the speech and Congressman Ryan's remarks are available on our [{mgmediabot}images/zoom/OTAINV/morningprayer_\(03_21_2007\)\[1\].wmv|true\(website\)|300|300{/mgmediabot}](#) :

Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy

Father Thomas McCarthy is a Warren native and attended St. Mary School and St. Mary High School (predecessor to John F. Kennedy High School). He studied at St. Gregory Seminary and Mount St. Mary of the West seminary, as well as Xavier University, all in Cincinnati, earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He was ordained August 15, 1961, in St. Columba Cathedral by Bishop Emmet Walsh.

Father McCarthy was named associate pastor at Youngstown St. Edward Parish in June, 1962 and since that time has served at St. Joseph in Austintown, St. William in Champion, St. Michael in Canfield, Blessed Sacrament in Warren and St. Joseph in Mantua. He became Diocesan Director of Vocations in 1966 and Assistant Chancellor in 1967. He served as Associate Superintendent of Schools, 1969-71, and Principal of Cardinal Mooney High School, 1971-72. From 1979 to 1985, he also served as Diocesan Priest Personnel Director.

He was named dean of Stark County West in 1995 for a six-year term, and in 2000 became Priest Personnel Advisor and an ex-officio member of the Priests' Personnel Board. He is a judge for the Diocesan Tribunal. Father McCarthy has been a member of the diocesan Priests' Council, Dean of Portage County, and served as President of the National Federation of Priests' Councils.. As of August 1, 2003, he was appointed to the position of Bishop's Delegate for Retired Priests. Fr. McCarthy resides at St. Paul Parish in Salem.

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